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The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series Presents



Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn: Paul Revere and the Growth of American Enterprise

Dr. Robert Martello

Paul Revere's ride to warn the colonial militia of the British march on Lexington and Concord is a legendary contribu-

tion to the American Revolution. *Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn* reveals another side of this American hero's life, that of a transformational entrepreneur instrumental in the industrial revolution.

Robert Martello combines a biographical examination of Revere with a probing study of the new nation's business and technological climate. A silversmith prior to the Revolution and heralded for his patriotism during the war, Revere aspired to higher social status within the fledgling United States. To that end, he shifted away from artisan silversmithing toward larger, more involved manufacturing ventures such as ironworking, bronze casting, and copper sheet rolling.

Drawing extensively on the Revere Family Papers, Martello explores Revere's vibrant career successes and failures, social networks, business practices, and the groundbreaking metallurgical technologies he developed and employed.

Martello uses Revere as a lens to view the social, economic, and technological milieu of early America while demonstrating Revere's pivotal role in both the American Revolution and the rise of industrial America.

Doors open at 6:30. A brief business meeting will begin at 7:00 and the lecture will begin immediately thereafter. The lecture will be held at the RTN Federal Credit Union, 600 Main Street, (rear) in Waltham. For more information please call 617-448-6706.

Dr. Martello will have copies of his book, *Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn: Paul Revere and the Growth of American Enterprise* available for purchase at the meeting.

**PLEASE CHECK THE LABEL ON YOUR NEWSLETTER ENVELOPE TO LEARN
WHETHER YOU ARE CURRENT IN YOUR DUES!**



A Recent Correspondence from The Netherlands

We've recently received a request for information on an American soldier from Waltham killed during World War II and buried in The Netherlands. The following is an excerpt from the emails between us and Mr. Frits Kruishaar.

"Nearby are two large American WW II Cemeteries. The American Cemetery and Memorial in Margraten, The Netherlands and the American Cemetery and Memorial in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium.

I had visited both Cemeteries in the past but about 4 years ago I had been to the Cemetery in Margraten and afterwards I felt the need to do something and did some research on the internet and discovered that there is a Foundation for Adopting Graves at the American Cemetery.

I mailed the Foundation and a few weeks later I received a letter that I had adopted the grave of a American Soldier and received also my first Adoption Certificate.

After 8 months searching and with the help of an American friend I found the Soldier's brother and he sent me a picture and more information.

All 8,301 Graves at the Cemetery in Margraten are adopted by Dutch families, most of the 1722 names listed on the Tablets of the Missing are also adopted.

There is an interesting website about the Cemetery in Margraten:

<http://www.fallennotforgotten.nl/>

The Superintendent of the Cemetery was so kind to give me the e-mail address of the Foundation for Adopting Graves in Belgium and I mailed the foundation and asked if it was possible to adopt this grave.

I received three more requests to make pictures of a grave, the last request was from a nephew of Private Robert. A.Sloper. I also adopted these three graves.

I have sent a request to the National Archives to send me Private Sloper's I.D.P.F (Individual Deceased Personnel File) in his I.D.P.F is stated in which vicinity he was killed and how he was killed.

His Unit was in Wiltz, Luxembourg on the date Private Sloper was killed. I will be certain about that after reading his IDPF.

I have attached a picture of Private Sloper's grave, the picture was taken on Memorial Day, May 28, 2011.

An impressive video about Memorial Day 2011 at Henri-Chapelle can be seen on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndoVSZrUPIU>

Sincerely,
Frits Kruishaar"

Private Sloper died on December 21st, 1944. He served as a private with the 44th Engineer Combat Battalion. As this information is updated and Mr. Kruishaar forwards his findings to us, we will continue to forward his reports.

If you have any information you would like to share about Private Robert A. Sloper, please forward it to us and we will see that Mr. Kruishaar receives it.

BRIGHT SCHOOL

On Monday, June 27, 2011 the City Council approved the lease agreement between the City of Waltham and the Waltham Historical Society.

This is a very important step for the Society, and the generous patience and efforts expended by the Mayor, the City Council, the City Clerk, and others in Waltham's community are truly appreciated. We must now return the confidence shown by them by continuing to work diligently in our task of collecting, preserving, and displaying artifacts, documents, and other pieces of Waltham's history.

If you have the opportunity to thank any of these benefactors please be sure to express your appreciation for their confidence. A note, letter, or a phone call to any of them will demonstrate that their efforts were not wasted in assisting the Society in finding a more appropriate home.

It is hoped we can have more information for you at the July meeting, so please try to attend and see how we're moving forward. It will require more effort, but with a shared effort, we can make this a special opportunity. Please join us.



We need your assistance...

If you know of a Paul Shea painting, you can help us complete the survey by sending us the following information: the subject of the image, its size, whether it is matted and/or framed, and where it is located.

Send the info (and if possible a snapshot) to us at our email (waltham.historical.society@gmail.com) or snail mail (190 Moody Street, Waltham, MA 02453) address or call 617-448-6706.

Civil War Cemetery Tour

As we are sure you know by now, this year's House Tour was canceled at the last minute. Our disappointment has been

tempered by the generous outpouring of support we've received for our Civil War Cemetery Tour tentatively scheduled for October.

The plan is to put together a tour of Grove Hill Cemetery, visiting the gravesites of those who served our Country during the American Civil War, 1861-1865. Many of the sites have been damaged by 150 years of weather, and are difficult to locate.

Under the direction of WHS Board Member Mr. Joe Keefe, we plan to have the sites identified, and will visit them and share the stories behind those whose final resting place we will be visiting.

Most members who supported the Society's House Tour by donating as Friends have graciously allowed us to put their donations towards this tour. If you're one of them, we thank you. If you're not, and would like to support this effort, please look for details in the coming weeks. We will have one more meeting before October, so there is plenty of time to become a Friend.

If you know of a local business that would benefit by being associated with our efforts, please contact us and we will follow up to ensure they have every opportunity to participate.

If you'd like to volunteer in this project please contact Joe at waltham.historical.society@gmail.com or 617-448-6706. We'd love to have you as a team member.



Society and Commission join to preserve endangered Gravesites

The Waltham Historical Commission and the Waltham Historical Commission have partnered to preserve endangered gravesites at Grove Hill Cemetery. With a grant from the Waltham Community Preservation Committee, 28 significant gravesites will be repaired and restored. Work will commence shortly.

Thanks are extended to Mayor McCarthy, Cemetery Director Mr. David Russo, The Community Preservation Committee, and Mr. Jack Cox.



Mass. Memories Road Show Comes to Waltham



On Saturday, July 16, 2011, the Waltham Historical Society along with the Waltham Public Library, the National Archives and Records Administration, and the Waltham-West Suburban Chamber of Commerce will join together to sponsor The Mass. Memories Road Show.

The Road Show will be held between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm at the National Archives, 380 Trapelo Road, Waltham.

It is time for you to take your place in History!

If you live, work, or go to school in Waltham this is your chance to play a part in making history by bringing up to three photographs to the National Archives and having them scanned and placed into the public digital archives.

The photos need not be of importance to anyone but you in order to be recorded. This effort may help future researchers of history to touch and reference today's Waltham. You and your image can play an important role in putting together the story of our country's history by showing the puzzle piece we know and live as today in Waltham.

The photos will become part of a statewide archive, along with the stories behind them. The process is simple. We scan your images without causing them any harm, return them to you immediately, and offer you the opportunity to tell us why the images you brought are important.

The Mass. Memories Road Show is a state wide public history project that documents Massachusetts history through family photos and stories. It is an initiative of the Massachusetts Studies Project at UMass-Boston and is co-sponsored by Mass. Humanities. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please contact Sheila for further information or leave a message at 781-891-5815. You can also contact Diane.LeBlanc@nara.gov, or visit the website www.mass.memories.net for more information.

Historical Society Recipient of Donation from the National Archives and Records Administration

The Waltham Historical Society is extremely grateful for the recent donation of very high quality display boards used for creating exhibits.

The items will be put to good use in displaying artifacts from our collection.

The Board of the Historical Society extends a special thanks to the National Archives, Regional Director Diane LeBlanc, and Mr. Joseph Keefe for their efforts on our behalf.

The Board of Directors of the Waltham Historical Society wishes to express our appreciation for the support of the individuals and organizations listed on this page. They were early contributors to this year's house tour as Friends or Business Friends. Though we were forced to cancel the House Tour we feel it important to recognize their support of our efforts. Most have asked us to put their donation towards our Civil War Cemetery Tour scheduled for October.

We encourage you to thank them for their generosity by patronizing the businesses identified, and by expressing thanks to the individuals. Without this type of support the Society would be unable to continue our work in the community.

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Genealogy Seminar

There will be a Genealogy Seminar from 9:00 am to 4:14 pm at the LaCava Conference Center at Bentley University on July 23, 2011. You can register for the event online at

www.regonline.com/mgc2011

More information is available at the website:

www.massgencouncil.org.

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